



IGC – FAI Challenge Cups

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FAI Challenge Cups

1.1 Rules

The FAI Challenge Cups are awarded to the world champions of FAI World Gliding Championships in following classes

- Open Class, 20 m Multi Seat Class, 18 m Class, 15 m Class, Standard Class, Club Class and 13,5 m Class
- Women's Standard Class, 15 m or 18 m Class, Club Class
- Junior's Standard Class , Club Class
- Robert-Kronfeld-Challenge Cup . The Cup will be presented to a pilot flying at the World Championships that is competed in **the Open Class, 18 m Class and 20 m Multi Seat Class** so far. Criteria see History of the Robert Kronfeld Challenge Cup.

The FAI Challenge Team Cups will be presented to the Team Champion in FAI Women's World Gliding Championships and Junior World Gliding Championships to the team scoring the highest number of points according to the IGC Annex A Team Cup rules.

1.1.2 Administration

Since 2008 World Gliding Championships have been divided into two events within the same calendar year at different places due to 6 classes in competition. 6 World Gliding Champions will be awarded in 2 events.

In the subsequent calendar year the 13,5 m class WGC, the Women's WGC and the Junior's WGC will take place, 6 World Gliding Champions will be awarded in this respective Calendar year so far.

The FAI Challenge Cups and FAI Challenge Team Cups shall be kept by the winners until the next World Gliding Championships take place and shall be returned to the organisers of the WGC before the start of the following championships. This is effective to the Robert Kronfeld Challenge Cup as well.

1.1.3 Engraving

The engraving shall include the year and the place of the event, the name and the country of the winner. It is recommended to the holder of the Cup to organise the engraving before the start of the next WGC. The Organisers of World Gliding Championships should ensure that the engravings have been carried out.

1.1.4 Change of rules

If any FAI World Gliding Championships class is discontinued as a World Gliding Championship Class, the FAI Gliding Commission shall decide how and if the respective Cup shall be awarded in the future.



History of the FAI Open Class Challenge Cup

- 1937 The 1st World Gliding Championship took place at the Wasserkuppe in Germany. Glider pilots of 6 nations participated: Great Britain, Switzerland, Austria, Poland, Czech-Slovakia and Germany. The winner was Heini Dittmar, Germany with a 19 m Fafnir Sao Paulo.
- 1948 The 2nd World Gliding Championship was organised in Samedan, Switzerland. The champion of the Open Class, Per-Axel Persson from Sweden, was awarded the FAI Open Class Challenge Cup. The Challenge Cup was donated from Switzerland.
- 1952 until 1956 the World Gliding Championships were organised in 2 classes, the Open Class (Single Seater Class) and the Two Seater Class. The FAI Open Class Challenge Cup was awarded to the winner of the single seater "Open Class".
- 1958 The World Gliding Championships took place at Leszno/Poland for the first time in the Open Class and Standard Class. The competition in the Two Seater Class was discontinued. Since 1948 the FAI Open Class Challenge Cup has been awarded to 33 champions of the Open Class of 11 nations so far.

Description of the Cup: The FAI Challenge Cup Open Class is a 32 cm high silver cup mounted upon a green marble foot forming a two-layer octagon.

Engraving: Fédération Aéronautique Internationale, Championnat du Monde de Vole à Voile.

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List of the Open Class Champions and events

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|--------|----------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| • 1948 | 2 nd WGC | Per-Axel Persson, Sweden | Samedan/Switzerland |
| • 1950 | 3 rd WGC | Billy Nilsson, Sweden | Örebro/Sweden |
| • 1952 | 4 th WGC | Philip Wills, Great Britain | Madrid/Spain |
| • 1954 | 5 th WGC | Gérard Pierre, France | Camphill/Great Britain |
| • 1956 | 6 th WGC | Paul McCready, USA | Saint Yan/France |
| • 1958 | 7 th WGC | Ernst Haase, Germany | Leszno/Poland |
| • 1960 | 8 th WGC | Rudolfo Hossinger, Argentina | Colonge/Germany |
| • 1963 | 9 th WGC | Eduard Makula, Poland | Junin/Argentina |
| • 1965 | 10 th WGC | Jan Wroblewski, Poland | South Cerney/Great Britain |
| • 1968 | 11 th WGC | Harro Wödl, Austria | Leszno/Poland |
| • 1970 | 12 th WGC | George Moffat, USA | Marfa/USA |
| • 1972 | 13 th WGC | Göran Ax, Sweden | Vrsac/Yugoslavia |
| • 1974 | 14 th WGC | George Moffat, USA | Waikerie/Australia |
| • 1976 | 15 th WGC | George Lee, Great Britain | Räyskälä/Finland |
| • 1978 | 16 th WGC | George Lee, Great Britain | Chateauroux/France |
| • 1981 | 17 th WGC | George Lee, Great Britain | Paderborn/Germany |
| • 1983 | 18 th WGC | Ingo Renner, Australia | Hobbs/USA |
| • 1985 | 19 th WGC | Ingo Renner, Australia | Rieti/Italy |
| • 1987 | 20 th WGC | Ingo Renner, Australia | Benalla, Australia |
| • 1989 | 21 st WGC | Jean-Claude Lopitiaux, France | Wiener Neustadt/Austria |
| • 1991 | 22 nd WGC | Janusz Centka, Poland | Uvalde/USA |
| • 1993 | 23 rd WGC | Janusz Centka, Poland | Borlänge/Sweden |
| • 1995 | 24 th WGC | Ray Lynskey, New Zealand | Omarama/New Zealand |
| • 1997 | 25 th WGC | Gérard Lherm, France | Saint Auban/France |



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List of the Open Class World Champions and events

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| • 1999 | 26 th WGC | Holger Karow, Germany | Bayreuth/Germany |
| • 2001 | 27 th WGC | Oscar Goudriaan, South Africa | Mafikeng/South Africa |
| • 2003 | 28 th WGC | Holger Karow, Germany | Leszno/Poland |
| • 2006 | 29 th WGC | Michael Sommer, Germany | Eskilstuna/Sweden |
| • 2008 | 30 th WGC | Michael Sommer, Germany | Lüsse/Germany |
| • 2010 | 31 st WGC | Michael Sommer, Germany | Szeged/Hungary |
| • 2012 | 32 nd WGC | Laurent Abulin, France | Uvalde/USA |
| • 2014 | 33 rd WGC | Michael Sommer, Germany | Leszno, Poland |
| • 2017 | 34 th WGC | Russell Cheetham, Great Britain | Benalla/Australia |



History of the FAI Standard Class Challenge Cup

- 1952 until 1956 the World Gliding Championships were organised in 2 classes, the Open Class (single seater) and Two Seater Class. The FAI Challenge Cup, donated by the Royal Aero Club of Spain, was awarded to the winner of the Two Seater Class to the Team Luis Juez and Roberto Bermúdez, Spain.
Description: The FAI Challenge Cup is a 52 cm high classic two-handles silver trophy on a wooden base. The following is engraved: Campeonato del Mundo de Vuela a Vela Categoria "D" (Biplazas), Trofeo cedido por el Real Aero Club de Espana a la Federacion Aeronatica International.
- 1958 At the 7th WGC in Leszno/Poland the Two Seater Class was replaced by the Standard Class and the FAI Challenge Cup was transferred to that class.

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List of the Two Seater World Champions and events:

- 1952 4th WGC Luis Juez, R. Bermúdez, Spain Madrid / Spain
- 1954 5th WGC Zvonimir Rain, B. Komac, Jugoslavia Champhill / UK
- 1956 6th WGC Nick Goodhart, Frank Foster, UK Saint-Yan / France

List of FAI Standard Class World Champions

- 1958 7th WGC Adam Witek, Poland Leszno/Poland
- 1960 8th WGC Heinz Huth, Germany BRD Cologne/Germany
- 1963 9th WGC Heinz Huth, Germany BRD Junin/Argentina
- 1965 10thWGC Francois Henry, France South Cerney/GBR
- 1968 11thWGC Andrew J. Smith, USA Leszno/Poland
- 1970 12thWGC Helmut Reichmann, Germany Marfa/USA
- 1972 13thWGC Jan Wroblewski, Poland Vrsac/Jugoslavia
- 1974 14thWGC Helmut Reichmann, Germany Waikerie/Australia
- 1976 15thWGC Ingo Renner, Australia Räyskälä/Finland
- 1978 16thWGC Baer Selen, Netherland Chateauroux/FR
- 1981 17thWGC Marc Schroeder, France Paderborn/ GER
- 1983 18thWGC Stig Oye, Denmark Hobbs/USA
- 1985 19thWGC Leonardo Briigliadori, Italy Rieti/Italy
- 1987 20thWGC Markku Kuittinen, Finland Omarama/NZ
- 1989 21stWGC Jaques Abulin, France Wiener-Neustadt/AT
- 1991 22ndWGC Baer Selen, Netherland Uvalde/USA
- 1993 23rdWGC Andrew Davis, Great Britain Borlänge/Sweden
- 1995 24thWGC Markku Kuittinen, Finland Omarama/NZ
- 1997 25thWGC Jean-Marc Caillard, France Saint Auban/France
- 1999 26thWGC Jean-Marc Caillard, France Bayreuth/Germany
- 2001 27thWGC Laurent Aboulin, France Mafikeng/South Africa
- 2003 28thWGC Andrew Davis, Great Britain Leszno/Poland
- 2006 29thWGC Leigh Wells, Great Britain Eskilstuna/Sweden
- 2008 30thWGC Michael Buchthal, Germany Prievidza, Czech Republic
- 2012 32ndWGC Sebastian Kawa, Poland Gonzalez Chavez/AR
- 2014 33rdWGC Bert Schmelzer, Belgium Räyskälä/Finland
- 2016 34thWGC Louis Boudierlique, France Pociunai / Lithuania



History of the FAI 15 m Class Challenge Cup

- 1978 For the first time the competition of the 15 m class was integrated in the 16th World Gliding Championships in Chateauroux / France.
- 1981 The FAI 15 m Challenge Cup was crafted and donated by goldsmith and glider pilot Heinrich Schönke, Bünde/ Germany. It was first awarded to the champion of the 15 m class, Göran Ax, Sweden, at the 17th WGC in Paderborn / Germany. Retroactively it was awarded to the winner of the 15 m class World Gliding Championships in Chateauroux / France 1978, to Helmut Reichmann, Germany.

Description of the FAI 15 m Challenge Cup: The Trophy is a fine silverware cup 35 cm high and has a weight of 945 grammes. A wreath made of ebony with gold plated oak leaves decorates the waist of the cup above the round ebony socket. On the cup following text is engraved: Fédération Aéronautique, Challenge Cup World Champion, 15 m Class.

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List of FAI 15 m Class World Champions and events

•	1978	16 th WGC	Helmut Reichmann, Germany	Chateauroux/France
•	1981	17 th WGC	Göran Ax, Sweden	Paderborn/Germany
•	1983	18 th WGC	Kees Musters, Netherland	Hobbs/USA
•	1985	19 th WGC	Doug Jacobs, USA	Rieti/Italy
•	1987	20 th WGC	Brian Spreckley, Great Britain	Benalla/Australia
•	1989	21 st WGC	Bruno Gantenbrink, Germany	Wiener-Neustadt/AT
•	1991	22 nd WGC	Brad Eduards, Australia	Uvalde/USA
•	1993	23 rd WGC	Eric Napoleon, France	Borlänge/Sweden
•	1995	24 th WGC	Eric Napoleon, France	Omarama/NZ
•	1997	25 th WGC	Werner Meuser, Germany	Saint Auban/France
•	1999	26 th WGC	Giorgio Galetto, Italy	Bayreuth/Germany
•	2001	27 th WGC	Werner Meuser, Germany	Mafikeng/South Africa
•	2003	28 th WGC	John Coutts, New Zealand	Leszno/Poland
•	2006	29 th WGC	Janusz Centka, Poland	Eskilstuna/Sweden
•	2008	30 th WGC	György Gulyas, Hungary	Lüsse/Germany
•	2010	31 st WGC	Stefano Ghiorzo, Italy	Szeged/Hungary
•	2012	32 nd WGC	Sebastian Kawa, Poland	Uvalde/USA
•	2014	33rd WGC	Sebastian Kawa, Poland	Leszno/Poland
•	2017	34th WGC	Sebastian Kawa, Poland	Benalla / Australia



History of the FAI 18 m Class Challenge Cup

- 2001 At the World Air Games in Lillo/Spain the competition of the 18 m Class was organised for the first time.
- 2003 At the 28th World Gliding Championships in Leszno/Poland the 18 m Class was integrated in the competitions of the Open Class, Standard Class, 15 m Class. The 28th WGC accordingly took place in 4 different classes.
- 2006 The FAI 18 m Challenge Cup was donated 2006 by the Swedish Soaring Federation at the World Gliding Championships in Eskilstuna/Sweden and was awarded to the winner of the 18 m class, Phil Jones, Great Britain. The 18 m Cup was awarded retroactively to the champion of the first WGC at Lillo, to Steven Jones, Great Britain and to the winner of the 18 m class 2003 at Leszno, to Wolfgang Janowitsch, Austria.

Description of the FAI 18 m Challenge Cup: The Cup is a 22 cm wide and 9 cm high silver bowl on a wooden angularly formed base. The engraving on the silver bowl is:
Fédération Aéronautique Internationale, Challenge Cup World Champion, 18 m Class.

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List of FAI 18 m Class World Champions and events:

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|--------|----------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|
| • 2001 | World Air Games | Steven Jones, Great Britain | Lillo/Spain |
| • 2003 | 28 th WGC | Wolfgang Janowitsch, Austria | Leszno/Poland |
| • 2006 | 29 th WGC | Phil Jones, Great Britain | Eskilstuna/Sweden |
| • 2008 | 30 th WGC | Olivier Darroze, France | Lüsse/Germany |
| • 2010 | 31 st WGC | Zbigniew Nieradka, Poland | Szeged/Hungary |
| • 2012 | 32 nd WGC | Zbigniew Nieradka, Poland | Uvalde/USA |
| • 2014 | 33 rd WGC | Karol Staryszak, Poland | Leszno/Poland |
| • 2017 | 34 th WGC | Killian Walbrou, France | Benalla/Australia |



History of the FAI Club Class Challenge Cup

- 1979 The FAI Club Class Challenge Cup was donated by the Swedish Airsport Federation for the 1st European Gliding Championship Club Class in Örebro/ Sweden.
Description: A wooden square base holds a metal column with a cristal globe which has a glider model on top. The Cup was awarded to the winner of the 1st EGC Club Class to Martin Brunecky of Czech Republic. This respective FAI Challenge Cup Club Class was awarded until 1998.
- 1998 the 10th EGC Club Class was organised in Jihlava / CZE. The FAI Challenge Cup was awarded to the winner of the EGC Frank Hahn, Germany, who kept the FAI Challenge Cup Club Class until 2005.
- 2001 The European Club Class Championships changed to World Championships. The FAI Challenge Cup Club Class hasn't been transferred to the Worlds. The 1st World Gliding Championship in the Club Class took place in Gawler / Australia. The champion Peter Masson from Great Britain was awarded a different cup, possibly a new FAI Challenge Cup, documentation dealing with is missing.
- 2002 the 2nd WGC Club Class at Musbach / Germany again was a stand-alone competition, as well as 2004 and 2006. There is no certainty whether FAI Challenge Cups have been awarded in that period.
- 2005 The Club Class was included in the Continental competitions: European Gliding Championships. The 13th EGC 2005 in Nitra, Slovakia, was organised in Club Class, Standard- and 18 m Class. Frank Hahn, holder of the FAI Challenge Cup Club Class since 1998 returned the Challenge Cup to the organiser of the EGC in Nitra. The European Champion Sebastian Kawa was awarded with the respective Cup.
- 2008 The 4th World Gliding Championship Club Class was added to the 30th FAI World Gliding Championships. The WGC 2008 took place in Rieti in three classes, Standard Class, Club Class and World Class. The FAI Club Class Challenge Cup: a bronze bird, with outspread wings touching a bronze wave on a wooden base, was presented to the World Champion Matthias Sturm, Germany. The FAI Challenge Cup Club Class has been passed on to the next current World Champion since then.

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List of the Champions Club Class and events – Awards FAI Challenge Cup

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| • 1979 EGC | Martin Brunecky, CZE | Örebro/Sweden |
| • 1982 EGC | Werner Müller, Germany | Hammelburg/D |
| • 1984 EGC | Ivo Simenc, JUG | Bled/ Jugoslawia |
| • 1986 EGC | Ivo Simenc; JUG | Rieti/Italy |
| • 1987 EGC | Klaus Ohlmann, Germany | St. Yan/France |
| • 1990 EGC | Milos Dederer, CZE | Arnborg/Denmark |
| • 1991 EGC | Ralf Fischer, Germany | Landau/Germany |
| • 1994 EGC | Ralf Fischer, Germany | Dubnica n.V./SK |
| • 1996 EGC | not valid, title remained R:F: | Slovenij Gradec/SI |
| • 1998 EGC | Frank Hahn, Germany | Jihlava/CZE |
| 2005 13th EGC | Sebastian Kawa, Poland | Nitra / Slovakia |



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- **World Gliding Championships Club Class - World Champions**

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| • 2001 1st WGC | Peter Masson, Great Britain | Gawler/Australia |
| • 2002 2 nd WGC | Tomas Suchanek, CZE | Musbach/Germany |
| • 2004 4 th WGC | Sebastian Kawa, Poland | Elverum/Norway |
| • 2006 5 th WGC | Sebastian Kawa, Poland | Vinon/France |
| • 2008 30 th WGC | Matthias Sturm, Germany | Rieti/Italy |
| • 2010 31 st WGC | Arndt Hovestadt, Germany | Prievidza/Slovakia |
| • 2012 32 nd WGC | Santiago Berca, Argentina | Gonzalez Chavez/AR |
| • 2014 33 rd WGC | Eric Bernard, France | Räyskälä/Finland |
| • 2016 34 th WGC | Jan Rothhardt, Germany | Pociunai / Lithuania |



History of the FAI World Class Challenge Cup

2001 At the World Air Games in Lillo/Spain the competition of the World Class has been organised for the first time at World Gliding Championships. The FAI World Class Challenge Cup was donated 2001 by the Finnish Aeronautical Association. The Cup was damaged during transportation to Lillo/Spain and could consequently not be awarded that year.

2003 A similar Cup was awarded to the winner at the WGC World Class in Nitra 2003. Retroactively it has been awarded to the champions of the WGC World Class 1997, 1999 and 2001.

Description: The FAI World Class Challenge Cup is crystal cup. The following is engraved: Fédération Aéronautique Internationale, World Class Challenge Cup.

2013 At the 32nd World Gliding Championships in Gonzalez Chavez/Argentina the FAI World Class Challenge Cup was awarded to the winner Sebastian Riera, Argentina. It was the last competition of that class at WGCs. The World Class is discontinued as a World Championship Class.

The FAI World Class Challenge Cup remained in Argentina.

2014 The World Class was replaced by the 13,5 m Class as a World Championship Class at Pociunai/Lithuania.

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List of FAI World Class World Champions:

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| • 2001 | Olivier Darroze, France | Lillo / Spain |
| • 2003 | Sebastian Kawa, Poland | Nitra / Slovakia |
| • 2006 | Christophe Rusch, France | Vinon / France |
| • 2008 | Laurent Couture, France | Rieti / Italy |
| • 2010 | Laurent Couture, France | Prievidza / Czech Republic |
| • 2013 | Sebastian Riera, Argentina | Gonzalez Chavez / Argentina |



History of the FAI 20 m Multi-Seat Class Challenge Cup

2014 The Cup was donated by the Finnish NAC, dedicated to Tapio Savolainen, a person whom all members of the glider community will remember forever for his sportmanship and competence.

The first competition of the 20 m Multi-Seat Class in a World Gliding Championships event was carried out at the 33rd WGC at Rääskälä/Finland. The FAI Challenge Cup was awarded to the winners Steve Jones and Howard Jones from Great Britain.

Description of the Cup: The Cup consists of a glass bulb with a glider model inside, spinning in a thermal of glass.

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List of FAI 20 m Multi-Seat Class World Champions:

- 2014 33rd WGC Steve Jones / Howard Jones, Great Britain Rääskälä/Finland
- 2016 34th WGC Laurent Aboulin / Julien Duboc, France Pociunai / Lithuania

History of the FAI 13,5 m Class Leonardo Brigliadori Challenge Cup

2015 the 1st 13,5 m Class World Gliding Championship was organised at Pociunai/Lithuania. The Leonardo Brigliadori FAI 13,5 m Challenge Cup was donated by Riccardo and Stefano Brigliadori in memory of their father Leonardo Brigliadori, who was an supporter of the new FAI 13,5 m Class. The Cup was awarded to the winner of the 13,5 m class.

Description of the trophy: a traditional two handles silver cup on a square marble basement. A metal plaque displays the FAI logo and engraving: FAI 13,5 m class, Leonardo Brigliadori Challenge Cup.

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List of the FAI 13,5 m Class World Champions

- 2015 1st WGC Stefano Ghiorzo, Italy Pociunai / Lituania
- 2017 2ndWGC Sebastian Kawa, Poland Szatymaz / Hungary



History of the World Soaring Challenge Cup – Team Cup Competition

1995 The FAI World Soaring Challenge Cup was donated by 9 families from New Zealand. The Cup was awarded for the first time at the 24th FAI World Gliding Championships in Omarama/New Zealand to the best Team of a participating country / NAC. The 24th WGC was organised in 3 classes: Open Class, Standard Class and 15 m Class.

Description: The World Soaring Cup has a wooden base and a bronze globe inside a bronze “thermal” spiralling up and around the globe, which displays New Zealand at a prominent position.

Engraving: On metal plaques around the socket and shall state the winning’s team country, the year and the venue.

Regulation: The World Soaring Challenge Cup shall be held by the NAC of the winning team until the next WGC and shall be returned before the start of the championships to the organiser of this event, who is responsible for the engraving.

If the World Soaring Challenge Cup will not be awarded at World Gliding Championships anymore it is to be returned to Gliding New Zealand, at the expense of the holders.

2016 Rules: The scoring for the best team should be done according to the rules for the Team Cup Annex A to Section 3 of the FAI Sporting Code. In accordance with Gliding New Zealand, the rules may be changed by IGC, notified March 2016.

2008 World Gliding Championships have been divided into two events within the same calendar year due to 6 classes. In addition the 13,5 m class has been established as a new world championship class. The WGC 13,5 m class will be held in the subsequent calendar year. Scoring the best Team in so many classes and competitions make it difficult to differentiate. Each WGC except for the 13,5 m class will have a Team Cup competition and scored according to Annex A. The podium winners are awarded FAI medals. The winning Team / Country gains the title Team Champion and receives the gold medal. The award World Soaring Challenge Cup for the best Team is discontinued.

The World Soaring Cup will remain by the Team winner Great Britain in Lasham until further instructions.

2017 Proposal to IGC Plenary 2017 – one year proposal by IGC Bureau is:
The World Soaring Cup is to be awarded annually to the
IGC Champion Pilot of the Year

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List of the World Soaring Cup winners, countries and Team winners

Year of the event	Venue	World Soaring Cup
• 1995 24 th WGC 3 classes	Omarama / NZ	WSC France
• 1997 25 th WGC 3 classes	Saint Auban / France	WSC France
• 1999 26 th WGC 3 classes	Bayreuth / Germany	WSC Germany
• 2001 27 th WGC 3 classes	Mafikeng/ ZA	WSC New Zealand
• 2003 28 th WGC 4 classes	Leszno / Poland	WSC New Zealand
• 2006 29 th WGC 4 classes	Eskilstuna / Sweden	WSC Great Britain
• 2008 30 th WGC 3 classes	Lüsse / Germany	WSC France
• 2008 30 th WGC 3 classes	Rieti / Italy	Medal / Team winner Germany
• 2010 31 st WGC 3 classes	Szeged / Hungary	WSC Poland
• 2010 31 st WGC 3 classes	Prievidza / Slovakia	Medal / Team winner Poland
• 2012 32 nd WGC 3 classes	Uvalde / USA	WSC Poland
• 2013 32 nd WGC 3 classes	Gonzalez Chavez / ARG	Team winner ?
• 2014 33 rd WGC 3 classes	Räyskälä / Finland	Team Gold Medal UK
• 2014 33 rd WGC 3 classes	Leszno / Poland	WSC Great Britain

FAI Gold Medal for Team Cup winners

List of Team Cup winners, Team Champions

• 2016 34 th WGC Club, Standard, 20 m Multi Seat Class	Pociunai / Lithuania	Gold Medal, Team Champion France
• 2017 34 th WGC Open, 18 m, 15 m Class	Benalla / Australia	Gold Medal, Team Champion Great Britain



History of the FAI Women's Standard Class Challenge Cup

- 1979 The FAI Standard Class Challenge Cup was donated in Hungary due to the first Women European Gliding Championship in Dunaujvaros / Hungary held in the Standard class. 15 m class gliders which participated in the competition, received 5 % handicap.
- 1999 The last FAI Women European Gliding Championships took place in Leszno/ Poland in the Club Class, Standard Class and 15 m Class.
- 2001 The WEGC changed to FAI Women World Gliding Championships in Pociunai/Lithuania. The FAI Women's Standard Class Challenge Cup was transferred to that competition.

Description of the trophy: The FAI Standard Class Women's Challenge Cup is a chrom /silver covered bowl with a brass handle on top. The centrepiece of the cup is a handcrafted brass cube with two wooden handles. The body is attached to a chrome / silver base and fixed on a round bottom . The following is engraved: "Hungarian Chief Military Organisation Awards this Cup to the Women's European Gliding Champions". The names of the champions are engraved on labels on the base.

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List of FAI Women's Standard Class champions and events:
Women European Gliding Championships Standard Class

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| • 1979 | Monika Warstat, DDR | Dunaujvaros / Hungary |
| • 1981 | M.Francoise Gavaret, France | Chérence / France |
| • 1983 | Marlis Bertram, Germany | St-Hubert / Belgium |
| • 1885 | Christine Moroko, France | Subotica / Jugoslavia |
| • 1987 | Ursula Wojda, Poland | Shumen / Bulgaria |
| • 1989 | Maria Kyzivatova, CZE | Oriol / Russia |
| • 1991 | Valentina Toporova, UDSSR (Ukr) | Husbands Bosworth/UK |
| • 1983 | Maika Hohn, Germany | Ceske Budejovice / CZE |
| • 1995 | Bozena Demczenko, Poland | Marpingen / Germany |
| • 1997 | Gundula Goeke, Germany | Prievidza / Slovakia |
| • 1999 | Sarah Harland, Great Britain | Leszno / Poland |

Women World Gliding Championships Standard Class:

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| • 2001 1st WWGC | Sarah Steinberg-Harland / UK | Pociunai / Lithuania |
| • 2003 2 nd WWGC | Cornelia Schaich, Germany | Jihlava / CZE |
| • 2005 3 rd WWGC | Jana Veprekova, CZE | Klix / Germany |
| • 2007 4 th WWGC | Sarah Kelman, Great Britain | Romorantin/ France |
| • 2009 5 th WWGC | Sue Kussbach, Germany | Szeged / Hungary |
| • 2011 6 th WWGC | Sue Kussbach, Germany | Arboga / Sweden |
| • 2013 7 th WWGC | Sue Kussbach, Germany | Issoudun / France |
| • 2015 8 th WWGC | Aude Grangeray, France | Arnborg / Denmark |
| • 2017 9 th WWGC | Aude Grangeray, France | Zbraslavice / CZE |



History of the FAI Women's 15 m Class Challenge Cup

1981 At Cherence / France the 2nd FAI Women European Gliding Championships took place in two classes: Standard Class and for the first time in the 15 m class. The FAI Women's 15 m Challenge Cup was donated 1981 and awarded to the winner of the 15 m Class at Cherence.

Description: The FAI Women's 15 m Challenge Cup is a 52 cm high classic silver trophy on a marble base engraved "Vole à Voile Championnat d' Europe Feminine" The names of the champions are engraved on labels around the base.

1999 the 11th WEGC at Leszno / Poland was the last European event. The European competitions were replaced bei World's.

2001 The 1st Women World Gliding Championships took place at Pociunai / Lithuania in the Club Class, Standard Class and 15 m Class. The FAI Women's 15 m Challenge Cup was transferred to the WWGC and was awarded to the winner of the 1st FAI WWGC, to Gillian Spreckley / Great Britain.

2011 The FAI Women's 15 m Challenge Cup was damaged and replaced by a trophy donated by FlyPink, the Italian association of female glider pilots and awarded to the champion of the 15 m class at the 7th WWGC at Issoudun / France.

Description. The new FAI Women's Challenge Cup 15 m class consist of a silver cylinder with a wave pattern in the center.

The first Women's 15 m FAI Challenge Cup, which was damaged, was left behind at the 7th WWGC at the aeroclub in Issoudun.

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- List of the Women's 15 m class champions – Women European Gliding Championships
- 1981 Marie-Francoise Gavaret, France Cherence/France
- 1983 Gisela Weinreich, Germany St. Hubert/Belgium
- 1985 Gisela Weinreich, Germany Subotica / Jugoslavia
- 1987 Tatiana Obretonova, Bulgaria Shumen/Bulgaria
- 1989 Gisela Weinreich, Germany Oriol/USSR
- 1991 Gisela Weinreich, Germany Husbands Bosworth/Great Britain
- 1993 Hanna Zejdova, Czech Republic Ceske Budejovice-Hosin /CZ
- 1995 Maren Thomas, Germany Marpingen/Germany
- 1997 Gisela Weinreich, Germany Prievidza/Slovakia
- 1999 Valentyna Toporova, Ukraine Leszno/Poland
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- **List of the Women's 15 m class champions – Women World Gliding Championships**
- 2001 1st WWGC Gillian Sprecklex, Great Britain Pociunai/Lithuania
- 2003 2nd WWGC Alena Netusilova, Czech Republic Jihlava/Czech Republic
- 2005 3rd WWGC Mette Pedersen, Denmark Klix/Germany
- 2007 4th WWGC Katrin Senne, Germany Romorantin/France
- 2009 5th WWGC Susanne Schödel, Germany Szeged/Hungary
- 2011 6th WWGC Susanne Schödel/Germany Arboga/Sweden
- 2013 7th WWGC Anne Ducarouge, France Issoudun/France
- 2015 8th WWGC Anne Ducarouge, France Arnborg / Denmark
- 2017 9th WWGC Katrin Senne, Germany Zbraslavice / CZE



History of the FAI Women's Team Challenge Cup

2001 The FAI Women's Team Challenge Cup was donated 2001 by the Lithuanian Aeroclub on the occasion of the first Women World Gliding Championships.

Rules: The FAI Women's Team Challenge Cup is awarded to the Team scoring the highest number of points according to IGC Annex A Team Cup rules. The Cup will be presented to the Team Captain of the winning team from the respective NAC and the Team Captain will be awarded the FAI Gold Medal.

Description: The Cup is a wooden sculpture of a stylised woman, with the logos of all the NACs participating at the first Women World Gliding Championships in Lithuania. The following is engraved:
Pirmas Pasaulio Moteru Skladymo Cempionatas. First World Women's Gliding Championships.

Engravings: The engraving of the winning countries and WWGC venues is not present.

Administration and change of rules see page 1 - IGC FAI Challenge Cups 1.1 – 1.1.4

List of the Team Champions since 2007 and winner of the FAI Women's Team Challenge Cup

- 2007 4th WWGC Romorantin / France Gold Medal Team Great Britain
- 2009 5th WWGC Szeged / Hungary Gold Medal Team Germany
- 2011 6th WWGC Arboga / Sweden Gold Medal Team Denmark
- 2013 7th WWGC Issoudun / France Gold Medal Team Germany
- 2015 8th WWGC Arnborg / Denmark Gold Medal Team France
- 2017 9th WWGC Zbraslavice / CZE Gold Medal Team France



History of the FAI Women's Club Class Challenge Cup

1995 The FAI Women's Challenge Cup Club Class was donated by the German Aero Club on the occasion of the first club class competition at WEGCs. The Cup was awarded to the winner of the 9th Women European Gliding Championships / Club Class at Marpingen 1995. Subsequent WEGCs were held in 3 classes: Standard, 15 m and Club Class.

2001 The WEGC were replaced by the Women World Gliding Championships and the FAI Women's Challenge Cup Club Class was transferred to that competition.

Description of the FAI Women's Challenge Cup Club Class: It is a 62 cm high classic silver plated Cup on a wooden base. The following is engraved : " Club Klasse Wanderpokal Europameisterschaften der Frauen im Segelfliegen. Aeroclub Saar e.V.. The names of the winners are engraved on labels on the base.

Rules and Regulations see page 1 – IGC FAI Challenge Cups 1.1 – 1.1.4

List of FAI Womens's Club Class champions and events:

Women European Gliding Championships Club Class

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| • 1995 | Anna Michalek, Poland | Marpingen/Germany |
| • 1997 | Claire Luyat, France | Prievidza / Slovakia |
| • 1999 | Claire Luyat, France | Leszno / Poland |

Women World Gliding Championships Club Class

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| • 2001 1 st WWGC | Tamara Sviridova, Russia | Pociunai / Lithuania |
| • 2003 2 nd WWGC | Christine Grote, Germany | Jihlava / CZE |
| • 2005 3 rd WWGC | Hana Vokrinkova, Czech Republic | Klix / Germany |
| • 2007 4 th WWGC | Gillian Spreckley, Great Britain | Romorantin / France |
| • 2009 5 th WWGC | Nathalie Hurlin, France | Szeged / Hungary |
| • 2011 6 th WWGC | Agnete Olesen, Denmark | Arboga / Sweden |
| • 2013 7 th WWGC | Christine Grote, Germany | Issoudun / France |
| • 2015 8 th WWGC | Sabrina Vogt, Germany | Arnborg / Denmark |
| • 2017 9 th WWGC | Sabrina Vogt, Germany | Zbraslavice / CZE |



History of the FAI Junior's Rieti Challenge Cup – Club Class

2007 The Rieti Challenge Cup was donated by Associazione Rieti on the occasion of the Junior World Gliding Championships in Rieti, Italy and awarded to the Champion of the JWGC in the Club Class. The Cup was awarded retroactively to the winners of the Club Class of the Junior World Gliding Championships 1999, 2001, 2003 and 2005.

Description: The Cup is a 52 cm high classic trophy of plated silver with two handles on a 9 cm high wooden square base. There is no engraving on the cup itself. The following is engraved on a plate on the wooden base:

FAI JUNIOR WORLD GLIDING CHAMPIONSHIPS CLUB CLASS , Rieti CUP

Rules and regulations see page 1 – IGC FAI Challenge Cups 1.1 – 1.1.4

List of FAI Junior World Gliding Champions Club Class since 1999

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|--------|-----------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| • 1999 | 1 st JWGC | Robert Scheiffart, Germany | Terlet / Netherland |
| • 2001 | 2 nd JWGC | Peter Toft, Denmark | Issoudun / France |
| • 2003 | 3 rd JWGC | Michael Streit, Germany | Nitra / Slovakia |
| • 2005 | 4 th JWGC | Christoph Nacke, Germany | Husbands Bosworth / UK |
| • 2007 | 5 th JWGC | Killian Walbrou, France | Rieti / Italy |
| • 2009 | 6 th JWGC | Volker Sailer, Germany | Räyskälä / Finland |
| • 2011 | 7 th JWGC | Tim Kuijpers, Netherland | Musbach / Germany |
| • 2013 | 8 th JWGC | Valentin Grit, France | Leszno / Poland |
| • 2015 | 9 th JWGC | Tom Arscott, Great Britain | Narromine / Australia |
| • 2017 | 10 th JWGC | Julian Klemm, Germany | Pociunai / Lituania |



History of the FAI Junior's WGC Challenge Cup – Standard Class

History of The Giulia Incisa della Rocchetta Challenge Cup – Standard Class

2007 The Challenge Cup was donated by the Italian Airforce (Aeronautica Militare) on the occasion of the Junior World Gliding Championships in Rieti, Italy, in memory of Giulia, a member of the Italian Airforce sport squadron, who was killed in an outlanding at Romorantin, France, during a local gliding contest, just before she was to compete at the Junior World Gliding Championships 2005. The Cup was awarded retroactively to the winners of the Standard Class at the Junior World Gliding Championships 1999, 2001, 2003 and 2005.

Description: The Award is a 49 cm high classic two handles silver Cup on a 10 cm high round wooden base . On the top of the cup is engraved the Insica della Rocchetta's family crest. The following text is engraved below the family crest: GIULIA INCISA DELLA ROCCHETTA CHALLENGE CUP, JUNIOR WORLD GLIDING CHAMPIONSHIPS, STANDARD CLASS; followed by the FAI logo. On the wooden base is a plate with the logo of the Aeronautica Militare.

Rules and regulations see page 1 – IGC FAI Challenge Cups 1.1 – 1.1.4

List of the FAI Junior Standard Class World Champions and events

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| • 1999 | 1 st JWGC | Günther Stahl, Germany | Terlet / Netherland |
| • 2001 | 2 nd JWGC | Jay Rebbek, Great Britain | Issoudun / France |
| • 2003 | 3 rd JWGC | Jez Hood, Great Britain | Nitra / Slovakia |
| • 2005 | 4 th JWGC | Mark Parker, Great Britain | Husbands Bosworth / UK |
| • 2007 | 5 th JWGC | Patrick Gai, Germany | Rieti / Italy |
| • 2009 | 6 th JWGC | Felipe Levin, Germany | Räyskälä / Finland |
| • 2011 | 7 th JWGC | Felipe Levin, Germany | Musbach / Germany |
| • 2013 | 8 th JWGC | Peter Millenaar, Netherland | Leszno / Poland |
| • 2015 | 9 th JWGC | Matthew Scutter / Australia | Narromine / Australia |
| • 2017 | 10 th JWGC | Sjoerd van Empelen, Netherland | Pociunai / Lithuania |



History - Special Award – The Helli Lasch Challenge

2001 After the 27th World Gliding Championships in Mafikeng, South Africa, the Helli Lasch Challenge was formed, an exclusive gliding event held on the airfield at Tswalu. The Tswalu Kalahari Game Reserve is the venue where the invited World Champions and their companions/partners will have a wonderful stay enjoying amazing scenery, game and bird viewing. All expenses for the invited members getting to and from South Africa, gliding and the stay in the Tswala Kalahari Reserve are fully paid for. This event is hosted and founded by Nicky & Strilli Oppenheimer in memory of Strilli's late father, Helli Lasch. The current World Champions and the current South African gliding team members are invited to attend. This exciting and very special gliding event is run approx. every two years after the World Gliding Championships.

Objectives of the Helli Lasch Challenge

- Living Memorial to Helli Lasch
- Foster international relations
- Promote South Africa as a gliding destination
- Develop the competition skills of the South African gliding team & young future WGC South African glider pilots

2017 The Soaring Society of South Africa has decided to delay the 8th Helli Lasch Challenge until late February/early March 2018 and will be inviting 4 - 5 pilots (possibly World Champions or in any case from amongst the top pilots) to attend the event. They will be expected to share their ideas for developing the competition skills of the South African gliding team and young up-and-coming glider pilots and to share their knowledge and experience. "Flying with the champions" is the motivation and to learn from them. The Soaring Society of South Africa or its delegate will be liaising with the relevant top pilots regarding the invitation and further details.

This special gliding event and all expenses involved to & from South Africa and the period at the Tswalu Kalahari Game Reserve will again be very generously sponsored by Mr. Nicky Oppenheimer. At the inception of the Challenge it was to be for just three events, but Mr. Oppenheimer has agreed and continues to host this, and in 2018 it will be the 8th HLC.

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History of the Robert-Kronfeld-Challenge Cup

- 1989 The Robert-Kronfeld-Cup was donated by the Austrian Federal Government on the occasion of the 21st FAI World Gliding Championships 1989 in Wiener Neustadt to commemorate the great exceptional pioneer and glider pilot Robert Kronfeld.
- 1904 Robert Kronfeld was born 5th May 1904 in Vienna. The boy was an excellent skier and in the years of his studies in Vienna he was also a well known alpinist and he did white-water rafting as well.
- 1927 the Austrian Aero Club set up an aviator youth group. Robert was the best one of this group and was sent to the gliding school at Rositten / East Prussia. 1928 he participated in a gliding course at the Wasserkuppe. Robert Kronfeld set milestones in History of Gliding. He was the first one to use a variometer, the first to fly more than 100 km distance, the first to use thermals of cumulus clouds in the course of a distance flight, the first who flew over the mountain massif Rax of the Alps. 1931 he flew a glider across the Channel and returned next day and was the winner of the 1000 pound sterling award donated by "Daily Mail".
- 1929
- 1938 He left Germany and Austria because of anti-semitic politics and became british citizen and served as major of the Royal Airforce in the 2nd World War.
- 1948 February 12th Robert Kronfeld, famed holder of gliding records was killed when an experimental enginless and tailless flying wing he was piloting in spin tests crashed in a field near Lasham.

Description of the Challenge Cup: The Cup is a crystal globe with a drafted glider mounted upon a round crystal pillar showing the portrait of Robert Kronfeld. The pillar is connected to a heavy metal base.

Rules:

1. *The CUP will be presented to a pilot flying at the World Gliding Championships that is competed in the **Open, 20 m Multi Seat Class, 18 m Class***
 2. *The winner of the CUP will have flown the ABSOLUTE longest distance during the WGC, regardless of type of task.*
 3. *If there is a tie for the longest ABSOLUTE distance flown, the winner of the CUP will be the pilot that attained the longest ABSOLUTE distance at the highest SPEED.*
 4. *If there is a tie between pilots in the longest ABSOLUTE distance flown and no highest SPEED is achieved, the tie will be broken and the CUP will be won by the pilot having the earliest out landing time.*
- 1989 The original Robert Kronfeld Cup unfortunately fell down during presentation in Wiener Neustadt and burst. A replacement immediately was ordered and arrived just in time. The Robert-Kronfeld-Cup has been awarded to the winner Gérard Lherm, France, Open Class, on occasion of the 21st FAI World Gliding Championships in Wiener Neustadt.

List of winners is incomplete:

- 1989 Gérard Lherm, France Wiener Neustadt/Austria
- 1991 Tom Knauff, USA Uvalde/USA
- 2003 Laurens Goudriaan, RSA Leszno/Poland
- 2012 Peter Harvey, Great Britain Uvalde/USA
- 2014 Laurent Aboulin, France Leszno/Poland
- 2016 Michael Sommer, Germany Benalla/Australia 2017



History of the Kees Musters Speed Award

The Kees Musters Speed Award was initiated in 1988 by individual members of the Soaring Society of America (SSA) in memory of former Soaring Champion Kees Musters of the Netherland. Funding for the Award came from donations from soaring pilots around the world. The Award is given permanently to the pilots achieving the fastest daily speed in the 15m class at World Gliding Championships.

Description. The Award consists of an oak plaque with lucite over a photo of a 15m glider and an engraved brass plate.

Administration: The Soaring Society of America has accepted the responsibility of the administration of the Award.

According to SSA the original funding of the plaques was enough for 10 of them and this is the number that SSA agreed to produce. The last Award was given at the 2012 WGC at Uvalde/USA. The Award is discontinued.